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SUBJ: MEETING OF US-ISRAEL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH SCIATT ON PROPOSED JOINT
DESALINATION PROJECT, WATER COMMISSIONER KANTOR
EMPHASIZED THAT DESALINATION IS ONLY FIRST STEP
OF BROADER PROBLEM. SUCH WATER IS SO EXPENSIVE
THAT EFFICIENT CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION IS
CRITICAL. THEREFORE, AS SUPPLEMENTARY TO AND
PARALLEL WITH DESALINIZATION PROJECT, KANTOR PROPOSED
COOPERATIVE BILATEAL PROGRAM ON WATER STORAGE, CON-
VEYANCE AND USAGE. HE REQUESTED EMBASSY ADVICE AND
ASSISTANCE INITIATING SUCH PROGRAM.

2. SCIATT SUGGESTED FIRST STEP MIGHT BE CONSIDERATION
OF FEASIBILITY, SCOPE, COST ETC AT FORTHCOMING MEETING
US-ISRAEL R&D SUBCOMMITTEE. KANTOR AGREED AND WILL
URGE ISRAELI SUBCOMMITTEE TO PLACE PROPOSAL ON AGENDA
FOR JOINT MEETING.

3. SINCE PROPOSAL WILL PROBABLY BE RAISED, US
SUBCOMMITTEE MAY WISH TO GIVE IT PRELIMINARY
CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO MEETING.

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